



POST-16 AT ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mrs Purnell, Headteacher & Mr Fox, Director of Post-16

5 REASONS TO APPLY TO IGS

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**EXPANSIVE
CURRICULUM**

44 Subject & Enrichment Options



Computing

A-Level Computer Science, BTEC IT, BTEC Computer Game Design (proposed), CTEC Media Studies



Design Technology

A-Level D&T: Product Design, A-Level Fashion & Textiles, BTEC Health and Social Care, Early Childhood Development AAQ



English

A-Level English Language, A-Level English Literature



Physical Education

A-Level PE, BTEC Sport, Level 3 Qualification in Sports Leadership



Sciences

A-Level Biology, A-Level Chemistry, A-Level Physics, BTEC Applied Science



Business & Economics

A-Level Business, BTEC Business, A-Level Economics



Creative Arts

A-Level Theatre Studies, BTEC Performing Arts (proposed), A-Level Fine Art, Arts Award Gold, A-Level Photography, A-Level Music



Humanities

A-Level Geography, A-Level History, A-Level Classical Civilisation, A-Level Philosophy, A-Level Religious Studies (proposed), A-Level Politics, EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)



Maths

A-Level Maths, A-Level Further Maths, A-Level Statistics (proposed), Level 3 Core Maths



Modern Foreign Languages

A-Level French, A-Level Spanish



Social Sciences

A-Level Law, A-Level Psychology, A-Level Sociology, PSHE

Find out more about each subject on the Post-16 page of the IGS website

WELCOME TO POST-16

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

BURSARY

RESULTS & DESTINATIONS

DAILY TIMETABLE

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

SUBJECT INFORMATION

STUDY

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & ENRICHMENT

PASTORAL SUPPORT & GUIDANCE

MOBILE DEVICES & COMMUNICATION

EXPECTATIONS

ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY & TRAVEL

ASSESSMENT, REPORTING & ACADEMIC SUPPORT

POST-18 PATHWAYS & WORK EXPERIENCE

FACILITIES & STUDY SPACES

TRIPS & VISITS



SUBJECT INFORMATION

A-Level & BTEC 2026-27

[Download the entry requirements for each course >](#)

Click on the subject to find out more:



DIFFERENT POST-16 QUALIFICATIONS AT IGS

1

A-LEVEL

A-Levels are more academically focused, usually exam-based, with some coursework and practical assessments depending on the subject.

2

AAQ & BTEC

AAQs & BTECs are more focused on specific job areas or sectors, use a wider range of assessment methods including practicals and coursework.

3

ENRICHMENT

Enrichment options complement students' subjects. They include EPQ, WEx, Sports Leaders, Core Maths, Arts Gold Award, Elite Sports Pathway. Some enrichment opportunities carry UCAS points.

Different Post-16 Pathways at IGS

3 A-Levels + Enrichment

This allows students to focus on 3 core subjects, whilst having enrichment to add to their university applications and CV.

01

3 A-Levels + 1 AS- Level

Completing an AS at the end of Y12 will allow you to put a grade on your apprenticeship application or university (UCAS) application form and gives you flexibility.

02

A-Level & BTEC/AAQ Mixture + 1 Enrichment

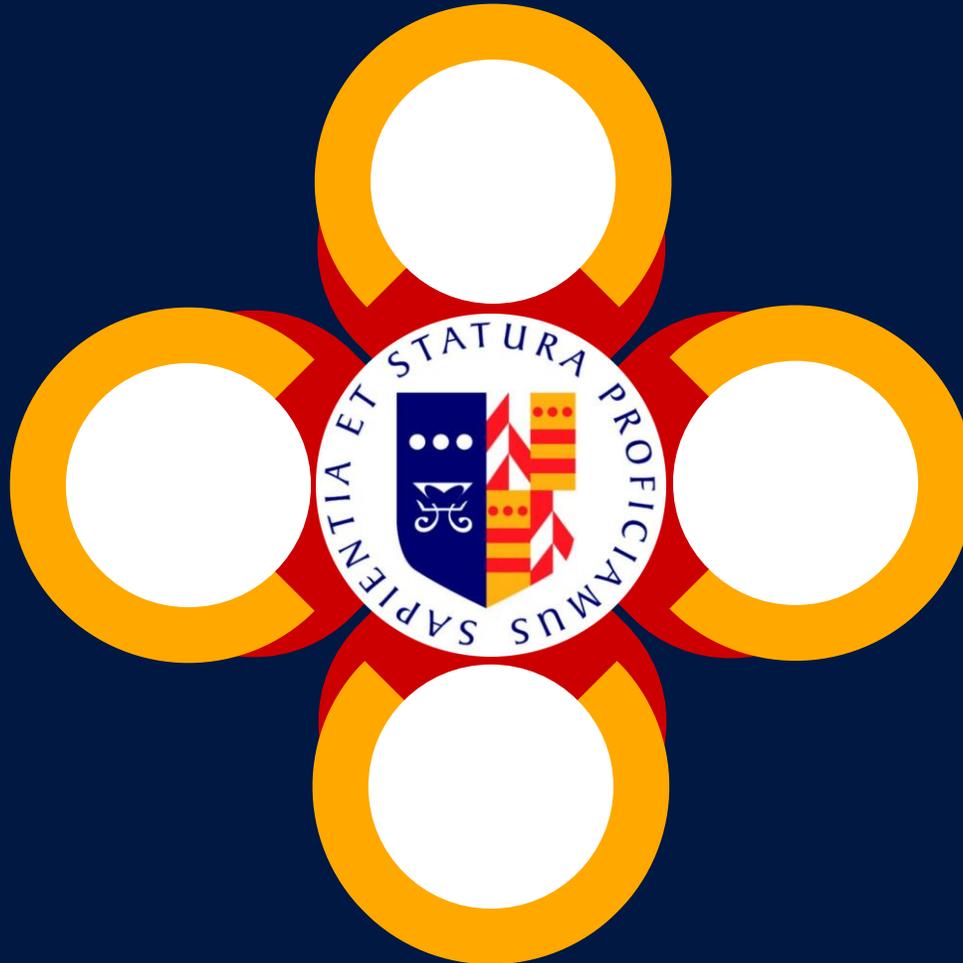
Best suited to those with an average of grade 5 at GCSE. Regular coursework assessment and fewer final exams.

03

4 A-Level subjects

Only recommended for students averaging around a grade 7+ at GCSE and considering a highly competitive degree course

04



3 A-Level + Enrichment

Medicine Route

A-Levels

Biology
Chemistry
Psychology

Enrichment

Work Experience

Humanities Route

A-Levels

Politics
History
Philosophy

Enrichment

EPQ

3 A-Levels + 1 AS

Creative Route

A-Levels

Fine Art
Theatre Studies
Music

AS

French

Economics Route

A-Levels

Economics
Maths
Geography

AS

Business

A-Level & AAQ/BTEC

Sports Route

A-Levels

PE
Psychology

AAQ/BTEC

BTEC Applied Science

Enrichment

Sports Leader

Healthcare Route

A-Level

Sociology

AAQ/BTEC

BTEC Health and Social Care
AAQ Early Child Development

Enrichment

WEx (nursery, care home)

4 A-Levels

OXBRIDGE Languages

A-Levels

Spanish
Classical Civilisation
History
English Literature

Engineering Route

A-Levels

Physics
Maths
Further Maths
Computer Science

Architecture Route

A-Levels

Product Design
Physics
Maths
Statistics

New Subjects for 2026

A-LEVEL STATISTICS

A-LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES

BTEC DIGITAL GAMES PRODUCTION

BTEC PERFORMING ARTS





TEACHING & SUPPORT

Teaching & Support

1

Teaching

Ofsted 2024: staff who “are passionate about their subjects”, are “experts at adapting lessons to meet pupils’ needs” and who “use many strategies to help pupils learn”.

2

Academic Support

Three Student Achievement Managers focused on helping students develop strong study habits & strategies, sixth form tutors & senior tutors, dedicated Post-16 LSAs

3

Mental Health Support

Dedicated Mental Health and Wellbeing lessons, self-help strategies, accredited peer support qualification and a two full time counsellors.

Inspection of Ikley Grammar School

Cowpasture Road, Ikley, West Yorkshire LS29 8TR

Inspection dates: 10 and 11 December 2024

The quality of education **Outstanding**

Behaviour and attitudes **Outstanding**

Personal development **Outstanding**

Leadership and management **Outstanding**

Sixth-form provision **Outstanding**

Previous inspection grade Outstanding

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MAIYA

JOINED IGS IN YEAR 7

TEACHER & STUDENT SUPPORT

STEP-UP IN WORKLOAD

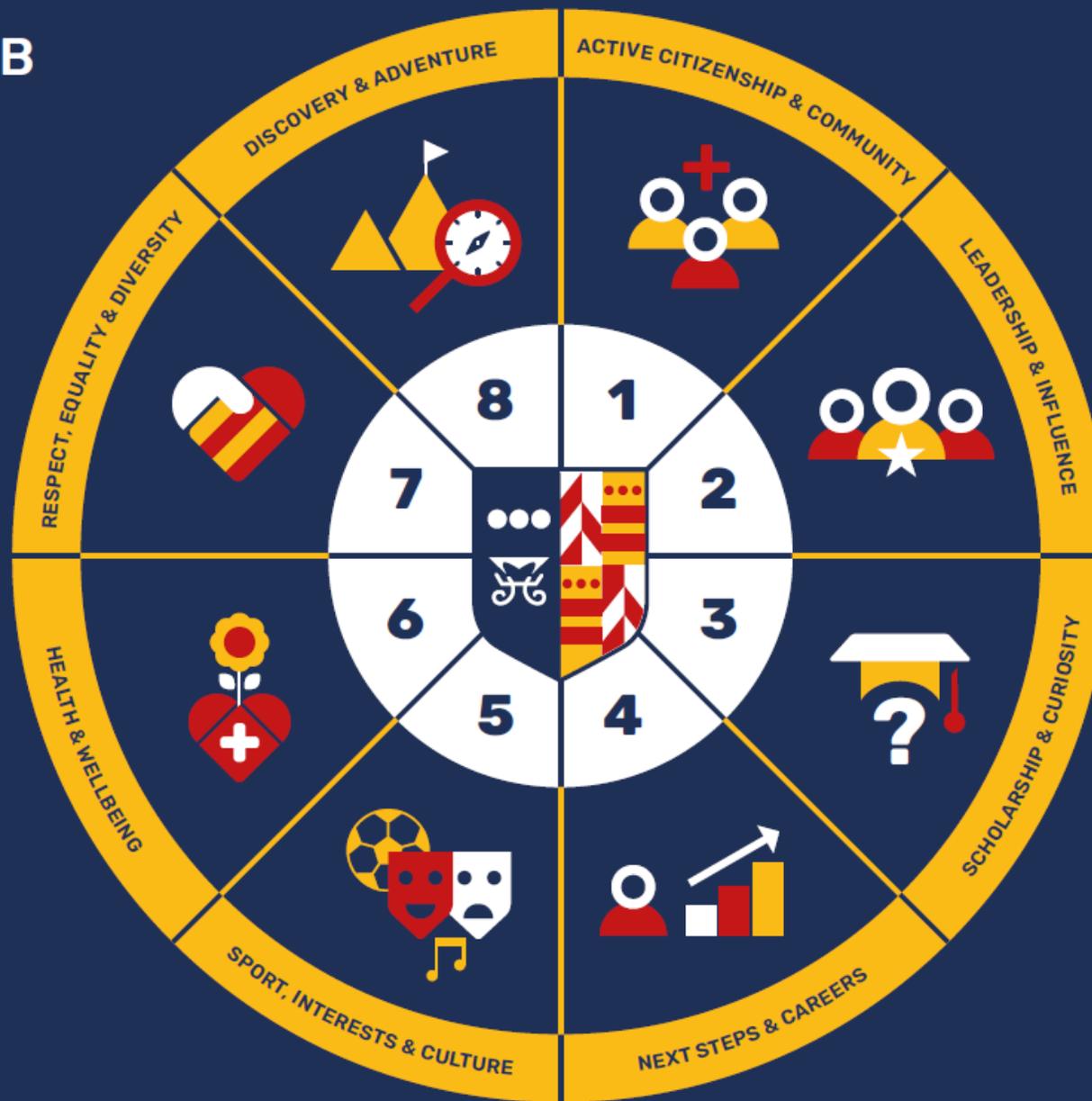
GET INVOLVED- PARIS=GREAT!





PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP

THE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WEB



**Over 100
Enrichment &
Leadership
Opportunities**

**Clubs &
Societies**

**iLeader
Opportunities**

SPORTS, INTERESTS & CULTURE

SPORTS:	CREATIVE ARTS:	OTHER:
Badminton	Art Clubs	Board Games Club
Basketballs	Backstagers	Creative Writing Club
Cross Country	Bands (Rock/Pop)	Chess Club
Dance Groups	Chamber Group	Christian Union
Dodgeball	Choirs	Crochet Club
Fitness	Clay Club	Computing Club
Football (Boys)	Composition Club	Cult Classic Literature
Football (Girls)	Drama Groups	Debating Society
Football (5-a-side)	Drawing Groups	Dungeons & Dragons
Hockey	Drumline	Eco Club
Rugby	Guitar Club	Gardening Club
Rugby (tackle)	IGS Live @ Lunch	KS3 Science Club
Netball	IGS Band Nights	Maths Clubs
	Jazz Bands	MFL Film Club
	Musical Theatre Group	STEM LEGO Club
	Orchestras	Teeline Shorthand
	Photography Club	Trail Maintenance
	School Production: Billy Elliott	
	Ukulele Group	

Art iLeader	Business/Economics iLeader
Creative Arts Council	Community iLeader
Debating iLeader	Diversity iLeader
Drama/Theatre Studies Ambassador	Drama Subject Support iLeader
Drama/Theatre Studies Subject Mentor	Eco iLeader
Front of House iLeader	Head Students/P16 Leadership
LGBTQ+ Safe Space iLeader	Library iLeader
Media iLeader	MFL- French/Spanish iLeader
Model United Nations	Model United Nations Head iLeader
Music iLeader- Club/Classroom Assistant	Music iLeader- Technician
PE iLeader (Sports Technician)	Photography iLeader
Politics iLeader	PR and Marketing iLeader
PSHE iLeader	P16 Literacy iLeader
P16 Revision/Studies Mentor	P16 Shared Reading iLeader
Rock Band iLeader	Sports Council
STEM Challenge iLeader	Student Council
Vocal Captain (School Production)	Transition Ambassador iLeader
	Wellbeing Coach



This is what it actually looks like!



CHALLENGE & CELEBRATION WEEK

Each year, we offer a series of enriching international trips designed to broaden students' horizons and bring learning to life. Students can explore Science in Switzerland, Humanities in Krakow, and Culture in Berlin, Rome, or Paris.

These experiences foster curiosity, independence, and a global perspective beyond the classroom.



HEAD STUDENTS

POST-16 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2025-26



Maiya Gowon
12KF

Head Student:
Leadership, Active
Citizenship/ RED



Daisy Button
12JH

Head Student:
Scholarship and
Curiosity, Mental
Health



Will Fellows
12MO

Head Student:
Sports Culture and
Interests, Operations



DEPUTY HEAD STUDENTS



Xanthe Gutch
12KF

Deputy Head:
Sports, Culture and
Interests: iLeader
Officer
Y7



Orla Murray
12KF

Deputy Head:
Active Citizenship-
RED and Eco
Officer
Y8



Ethan Protheroe
12HB

Deputy Head:
Active Citizenship-
Eco and
Sustainability
Officer
Y9



Aoife Hughes
12JM

Deputy Head:
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Officer
Y10



Eve Morgan
12AWD

Deputy Head:
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Officer
Y11



Alex Wolfenden
12HB

Deputy Head:
Scholarship and
Curiosity Officer
Y11



Macy Greene
12JM

Deputy Head:
Operations and
Events Officer
Y12



Jasper Russell
12GND

Deputy Head:
Operations and
Events Officer
Y12



John Morgan
12KF

Deputy Head:
Sports Interests
and Culture:
Enrichment Officer
Y13

JASPER

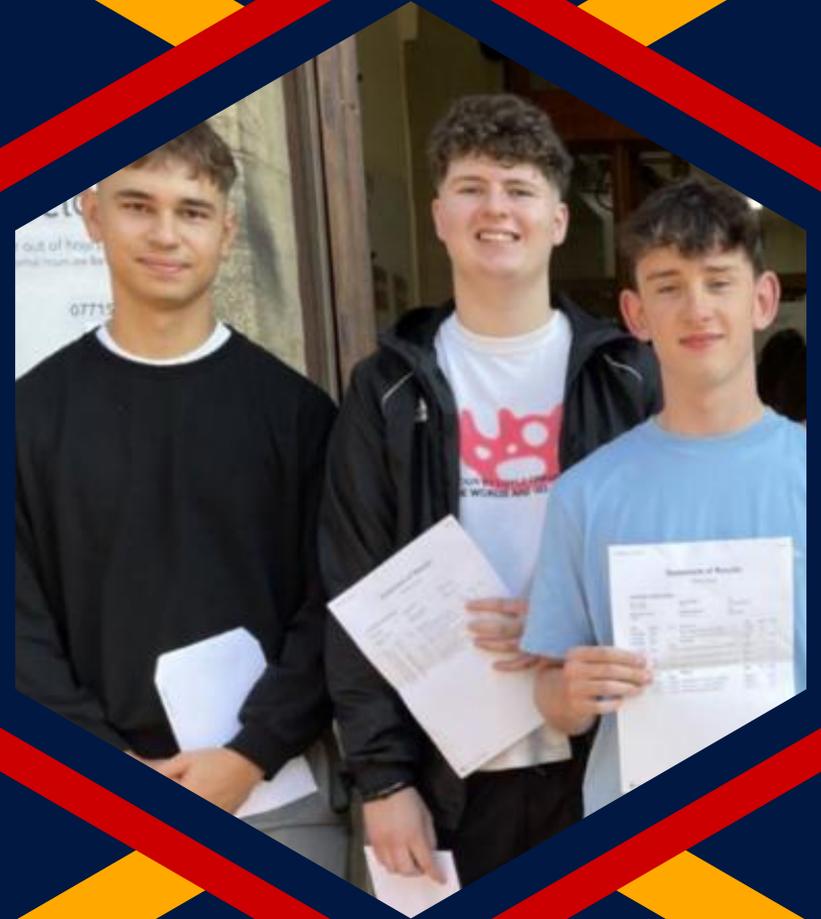
**COMPLETED GCSES AT
BECKFOOT OAKBANK**

VOLUNTEER & JOIN SOME CLUBS

PICK YOUR C&C WEEK OPTIONS CAREFULLY

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF (GET ON VINTED!)





RESULTS & DESTINATIONS

A Tradition of Achievement - Outstanding Attainment & Progress

	2023/24 (nat)
Students in scope	254
A*%	12.4% (9.3%)
A* - A%	34.3% (27.6)
A* - B%	64.5% (53.6)
A* - C%	84.7% (76.0)
Pass rate%	98.7% (97.1)
%AAB in 2+ FAC subjects	21.0%
Best 3 A-Level	39.3(B)
APS per A level entry	38.3 (B)
L3VA	+0.22

Top 8% nationally for Best 3 A levels
Top 10% nationally for Attainment
Top 12% nationally for Progress

	2024 cohort/ entries	Performance in 2024	2024 value	2024 nat value
A level APS	699.5	Sig above national and 88th percentile	39	34
Best 3 A levels APS	184	Sig above national and 92nd percentile	40	35
Applied general APS	87.0	Sig above national and 59th percentile	31	29
A level AAB %	184	Sig above national and 86th percentile	23	17
A level VA	650	Sig above national and 88th percentile	0.2	0

ALPS 3

	2024/5 (nat)
Students in scope	251
A*%	12.5% (9.4%)
A* - A%	32.8% (28%)
A* - B%	60.7% (55%)
A* - C%	80.5% (77.9%)
Pass rate%	98.8% (97%)
%AAB in 2+ FAC subjects	24.3%
Best 3 A-Level	39.4 (B)
APS per A level entry	37.8 (B-)
L3VA	0.00



ALPS 3

HOW WE PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR NEXT STEPS



Dedicated Tutors

Each Post-16 student is assigned to a tutor group, who provides expert advice and guidance when choosing and applying for next steps



Next Steps Week

Our Next Steps Week offers 100+ in-school events, ranging from university presentations to company guest speakers and workshops. Last year welcomed universities like Oxford, Newcastle, and Sheffield.



Apply+

Dedicated support for students applying to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary. 5% of students go on to study at Oxbridge or medicine-based courses annually.



University & Employer Visits

Throughout Year 12 &13, we welcome representatives from universities all over the UK, as well as speakers from degree apprenticeship providers.

Destinations Snapshot

Schools with most Oxbridge offers

State schools and private schools which received at least six Oxford and at least six Cambridge offers in 2024

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School	Applied	Offers	%
St Paul's Girls' School, London	88	48	55
Westminster School, London	179	96	54
The Skinnners' School, Kent	36	19	53
John Hampden Grammar School, Buckinghamshire	26	13	50
Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet	127	62	49
King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford, Essex	67	32	48
King's College London Mathematics School	63	28	44
Royal Grammar School Guildford, Surrey	66	29	44
Pate's Grammar School, Gloucestershire	96	42	44
Colyton Grammar School, Devon	45	19	42
Henrietta Barnett School, London	74	31	42
Kendrick School, Berkshire	41	17	41
Ilkley Grammar School, West Yorkshire	32	13	41

OXBRIDGE

8 Students in 2025

64 students over the last 8 years

In 2024, IGS was in the top 20 schools in the country for application to acceptance rate, and the top state school.

Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science

7 students in 2024

28 since 2016.

University

74% of students continue into Higher Education

Last year, 48% of applicants obtained places at Russell Group.

Degree Level Apprenticeships

10-15% move on to apprenticeships or employment at companies such as PwC, EY, Channel 4, Blackrock, Accenture, BA, Jet2 & Walker Morris Legal.

MACY

**COMPLETED GCSES AT
UPPER WHARFEDALE**

ORGANISATION IS KEY - NEA DEADLINES

NEXT STEPS SUPPORT - CAREERS, UCAS

THE GENEVA C&C





IGS DEVELOPMENTS





**£52 million
redevelopment**



myIGS Your pocket companion – launches in Spring

Revision tips & resources:

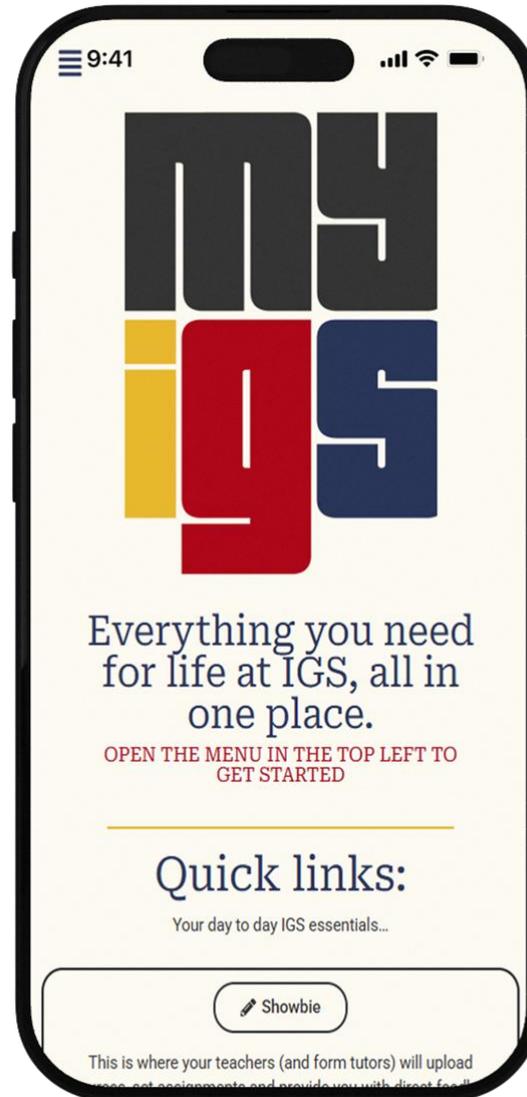
Working independently and being able to manage revision is a key part of life in post 16. Fortunately, our subject specialists (students who get great grades and revise efficiently) have created pages for each of your potential subjects.

These pages have tips, resources and useful links that tie directly into the variety of digital tools used by IGS and our wide range of subjects/teachers.

An Ai you can trust:

There's no denying Ai is amazing. Unfortunately, the main AI models (ChatGPT etc.) aren't ideal for education.

We've built a study companion that will guide you like a good study companion should, not just give you the answer.



Next Steps Support:

Applying for university, apprenticeships and work can be stressful. We've worked to centralised useful resources, tips and guides (written by staff & third parties) alongside deadline reminders and key dates.

Throughout year 12 & 13 these pages will help make the next steps process easier ensuring you know where you want to go after IGS, what's the best path for you and what you need to do to get there.

Enrichment & community:

We believe being part of IGS doesn't end in the classroom. With a choice of over 100 enrichment opportunities we've put the information you need to get involved, in the palm of your hand!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

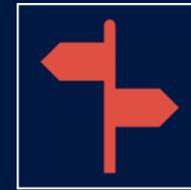
5x grade 4,
including English and Maths

+

check the subject-specific entry requirements
on the Post-16 section of our website



APPLICATION PROCESS



**CREATE AN
ACCOUNT-
OPENS
NOVEMBER
12TH**

**SET UP YOUR
ACCOUNT**

**YOU CAN
EDIT AND
REVISIT
WHENEVER
YOU WANT &
SUBMIT BY
FEBRUARY
3RD**

**MAKE YOUR
TASTER DAY
CHOICES**

**COMMUNICATE
WITH US**

IGS Application Timeline

2026 entry



IGS Open Evening -
Wed 12th
November
2025

Application
Opens – 14th
November

IGS Taster
Day - 22nd
January 2026

Decision
letters issued
after Easter
2026

Application
deadline &
subject choices
- Tuesday 3rd
February 2026

GCSE Results
and Post-16
enrolment
2026

Interviews –
11th – 13th
February 2026

Welcome to
Post-16 at
IGS!

GETTING TO IGS

Every year, we welcome students from across the local area, including Burley-in-Wharfedale, Menston, Guiseley, Skipton, Otley, Keighley, and Bradford. Excellent transport links make travelling to Ilkley easy and reliable.

GRASSINGTON BUS

We offer a morning bus service from Grassington. The service runs on mornings only as students leave school at different times at the end of the day. It is not be 'free', but charges are very competitive in comparison with other transport options and is very convenient.

Some students may be eligible for a bursary to support with travel costs. Email: post16@igs.mlt.co.uk for more info.

SKIPTON BUS

We are currently researching the possibility of offering a school bus from Skipton. If you may be interested, please scan the QR complete the form. (also in your programme).



NEXT STEPS

TONIGHT

Visit subject areas and speak to staff and students. Visit Armitage Café to find out more about the academic support, pastoral care, & our vision for Personal Development.

ASK QUESTIONS

Email any further questions to Post16@igs.mlt.co.uk

Visit our website

Follow us on social media (QR codes in your programme)

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LINKS YOU NEED



APPLICATION FORM



Personal
Best Values



RESPECT

COURAGE



RESPONSIBILITY

KINDNESS



RESILIENCE